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SMU Writer's Seminar in New York

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*SMU Writer's Seminar in New York
presented by the
SMU Continuing Studies Creative Writing Program*

For four days, in the extraordinary setting of an Upper East Side mansion, 13 SMU authors will have the opportunity to live the literary life. Hear an honest and compelling critique of your manuscript submission from publishing professionals, enjoy meals and lectures with those in the industry, and learn firsthand the intricacies of the publishing world.

The noncredit Creative Writing Program at SMU offers courses for long and short fiction, memoir, children's books, narrative nonfiction and nonfiction for print media. Intensive workshops in fiction and grammar, as well as the business side of writing, round out the program.

However, what sets SMU apart is our approach to the end goal – publication. We consider publishing avenues a topic as important to teach as plot, structure and dialogue. Since 1996 we have brought small groups of aspiring writers to New York to meet with experienced members of the publishing community in private consultations. As a result of this seminar and the connections made within the publishing world, 10 SMU CWP students have realized their publishing goals.

While in New York, the SMU group stays at the House of the Redeemer, a former Vanderbilt home, at 7 East 95th St. between Madison and Fifth avenues. This is not a hotel, but rather a residence open to all faiths, used for retreat purposes by religious and secular groups. This prime location is just a short distance from the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Guggenheim Museum and many fine restaurants. Bedrooms are cozy and adequate, with shared baths down the hall. There is no maid or room service and the House of the Redeemer is a smoke-free facility.

SEMINAR SCHEDULE

I: Arrival

- Students arrive (check-in is 3 p.m.)
- Group dinner at local bistro

II: Pre-conference Workshops

- Breakfast with fellow writers
- Pre-conference workshops with agents, editors and publishing professionals
- Lunch with fellow writers and workshop facilitators
- Pre-conference workshops with agents, editors and publishing professionals
- Free evening

III: Individual Conferences; Formal Dinner

- Breakfast with fellow writers
- Individual student conferences with agents and editors
- Lunch with fellow writers and agents and editors
- Individual student conferences with agents and editors
- Formal dinner with guest authors, agents and editors

IV: Closing

- Breakfast with fellow writers and wrap-up session, seminar evaluation
- Students depart (checkout is noon)

All events are held at the House of the Redeemer, unless otherwise noted.

ALL ROADS LEAD TO NEW YORK

Students with a complete manuscript and successful completion of one of these five paths may apply:

Fiction Track

- Creative Writing Introduction
- Novel One: Elements
- Novel Two: Synthesis
- Novel/Narrative Nonfiction Three: Polish

Manuscript Evaluation Track

- Manuscript Evaluation
- Novel/Narrative Nonfiction Three: Polish

Private Tutorial Track

- Private Tutorial in Fiction or Nonfiction

Nonfiction Track

- Creative Writing Introduction
- Narrative Nonfiction One: Elements
- Narrative Nonfiction Two: Synthesis
- Novel/Narrative Nonfiction Three: Polish or Chapter Revision Tutorial

Past participation in the SMU Writer's Seminar in New York

FEES AND COSTS

- For seminar fees, please visit smu.edu/newyork
- Seminar participants furnish their own transportation to New York
- Fees include lodging and all meals, except where noted

APPLICATION FORM AND IMPORTANT DATES

- Applications are accepted on an annual basis, beginning September 1, through mid-October. Please visit smu.edu/newyork for specific dates and to download an application.
- A synopsis plus the first chapter (a total of no more than 30 pages) must accompany the application.

CONTACT US

Please call 214-SMU-WRITE or visit smu.edu/newyork for more information.